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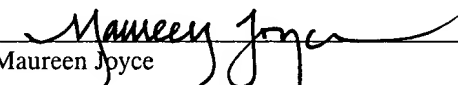
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert B. Chaffee  
Serial No: 09/859,706  
Confirmation No: 4125  
Filed: May 17, 2001  
For: INFLATABLE DEVICE WITH RECESSED FLUID  
CONTROLLER AND MODIFIED ADJUSTMENT DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claim 29 as indicated below:

A' 29. (New) The inflatable device of claim 7, wherein the flange comprises the recess.

Please rewrite claims 1, 19, 27, and 28 as indicated below:

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